

mand for the state printing on the ground that he is the legal state printer. Hudson never having been elected. The state executive council was in session this morning considering the matter.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 13.—The state printer contest was intense here at 10 o'clock. The fight had narrowed down to Brown of Kingman and Naugle of Wellington. Jerry Simpson had taken a hand for Naugle, as against Brown. Naugle was supported by Kies and the Sedgewick county members. Brown was supported by Harry Landis and Leedy. In this fight the fate of the state printer was at stake. The contest was a normal school. At Wichita, Brown and his friends will turn everything loose if the Sedgewick county influence supports Naugle. The caucus will be held tomorrow night.

A concurrent resolution was introduced by Senator Lewelling to appoint a committee of five from the senate and house to employ an architect and inspect Garfield university building in Wichita, with a view to locating a state normal school, the expenses of the committee and architect to be paid by the citizens of Wichita.

The afternoon sessions of the house and senate completed their preliminary work and adjourned to tomorrow, the senate to 10 o'clock, and the house to 2 o'clock.

TO LET THE BEST MAN WIN

Labor Commissioners Agree to a Competitive Examination.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 13.—Conan and Shannon of Wyandotte and Costello of Wichita, leading candidates for labor commissioners, have agreed to enter a competitive examination for the place.

JUDICIARY CHAIRMANSHIP

Hackney is Supposed to Have the Earliest Start.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—C. W. Fairchild of Kingman was seen this morning with regard to the fight of the chairmanship of the house judiciary committee. He refused to talk, but it is understood that he has withdrawn his application to accept the position, and that Hackney of Wellington will be chairman. Since this has become known Lobb and Cushman, who were to go on the committee, have been released from any work in that place.

As far as decided, chairmen of house committees are as follows: Ways and Means, Trueblood, of Geary; Judiciary, E. T. Hackney, of Wellington; Agriculture, Dayle, of Douglas; Livestock, J. J. Quinn, of Cowley; Judiciary local and judiciary appointment, Fairchild, of Kingman.

OTHERS WHO WANT THEM

Applicants for State Appointive Office Wait to be Chosen.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The matter of appointments is taking up most of the time of the new state officials and will be the next day. It is understood that C. F. Frasier of Coffeyville will be state grain inspector, though W. W. Culver of Great Bend is here in person and, with the help of Senator Armstrong, of the same place, is making a hard pull to be the man. Mr. Culver is considered in every way capable of attending to the office and is a strong second in the party of the position.

E. J. Davis, adjutant general under Lewelling, wants Governor Leedy to give him his place again, and unless there is some change in the program he will probably get it.

W. D. Eastwood of Wyandotte is after the labor commission, and while he is making some headway, he has to contend with ex-Congressman John Davis, who is also making a hard pull to be the man. Mr. Eastwood is considered in every way capable of attending to the office and is a strong second in the party of the position.

There will be three new members of the state board of education to appoint, and Superintendent Strickland announced that there will be one college man, one county superintendent and one city superintendent selected. It is thought that Dr. Chester A. Place, of Winfield college, will be the first new member chosen.

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And How the Senatorial Scenes are Ever More Being Shifted.

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If Kies of Wichita and Naugle of Wellington should, in return for a tip on the state printer fight, throw their sixteen votes from the Fourth and Seventh congressional districts to Harris, the Breidenbach and Harris forces would, in the event of either Harris or Naugle being unable to win, unite against the Denison and Lewelling men and, with a little lift from Pfeffer's bitter enemies in the mining sections in the southeast part of the state, be able to pull the confederate colonel into the big six-year seat. It is reasonably certain that the senatorial

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How good it looks! How good it is!..... And how it hurts. Why not look into the question of **Pill after Pie?** Eat your pie and take Ayer's Pills after, and pie will please and not paralyze.

AYER'S Cathartic Pills
CURE DYSPEPSIA.

and state printer fight will be settled at last with a combination deal, unless W. L. Brown of Kingman can go into the state printer caucus with enough votes to nominate him with all opposition. So far, Brown has made a hard, clean fight and kept shy of any deal, but it is generally understood by insiders that his opponents are trying to line up and deal him out, and to do this it may become necessary to contract some obligations in the senatorial vote. Pfeffer apparently has no show of winning. His only hope is in getting the vote of one side or the other of the two other factions. There is a probability that a long, bitter fight may drive the vote to him as the easiest and quickest solution of the matter. Pfeffer men started the argument today that to turn him down would put the party in the light of rebuking one of its most faithful leaders, and would cause a rupture of party management in this state, which, they claim, means a Republican victory in 1888.

Judge Dennison's friends are working away quickly and rather effectively. Judge McKay's interview in these dispatches yesterday states the only objection to Mr. Dennison, but his opponents are making that count.

There was talk of a dark horse from southern Kansas last night and one Democratic and one Populist member thought successful plans were laid to spring this name and send him in at one round. They refused to disclose his name, but it was said that he was a "bald horned" light up his face with a real thought would ever accuse him of being born within a thousand miles of a senatorship.

Ed. Little is as yet making no fight. John Madden comes from Emporia every other day but he never takes any of his senatorial chances unless some one obstructs the mention. Mr. Madden is a very genial gentleman and if he should become senator he could present the galleries a face that has the appearance of being able to work off a declamation with good educational effect.

Altogether, the situation is largely a matter of time. The contest is somewhat accurately outlined in the above. It may break and settle on entirely different lines before this time tomorrow.

One Secret of Longevity

Those anxious to prolong their rapid transitory existence of ours beyond the average span should foster their digestion, negatively, by abstaining from indigestions in diet, and affirmatively by the use of that peerless stomachic, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, when he experiences symptoms of indigestion. The impairment of the digestive function is fatal to the system. Subtle as it is, it brings fever and ague, biliousness and constipation.

FIRE AT KINGFISHER, O. T.

Firebugs Blamed With the Blaze, Which is a Very Costly One.

Kingfisher, O. T., Jan. 13.—A destructive fire raged in this city tonight, resulting in the loss of nine buildings valued at between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The fire originated in the meat market of A. Morawitz, and all of the buildings located on the main business street of the city. The city has practically no water supply and the volunteer fire department was powerless to cope with the flames. Firebugs are supposed to have originated the fire. South End fire, and Kingfisher people believe the fire tonight was started by the same parties.

The cause of the fire was practically under control. The loss then estimated was at over \$50,000, but daylight may show it to be in excess of this amount.

BUCKEN'S KIDNEY PILLS

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Cancers, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale at Geo. Van Wagoner, Dr. J. C. North, Main street, and G. Gehring's drug store, northeast corner Topeka and Douglas avenues.

GIVEN OUT VERY COLD

That Sherman is to be McKinley's Secretary of State.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Associated Press is able to authoritatively announce that Mr. McKinley has tendered the highest portfolio to Senator John Sherman of Ohio, and that distinguished Buckeye statesman has accepted and will be premier of the incoming administration.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Senator Sherman today refused to discuss the report that he would be secretary of state in the McKinley cabinet, remarking that the report dispatch was read to him making the announcement of his selection.

"The newspapers can indulge in whatever they see they see; I have nothing to say."

Now is the Best Time.

Growing girls are not always appreciate that it is while they are growing that they are forming the figures for after life. Drooping the shoulders a little more every day, drooping the head a little more, standing unevenly, so that one hip sinks more than the other—all these defects, easily corrected now, will be five times as hard in ten years, and 25 times as hard in ten years. A graceful, easy carriage and an erect, straight figure are a pleasure to behold and possessor.—Albany Argus.

Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish like figures of foam—effluvia of pleasure—correctly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health, and the pleasant effects are due to the fact, that it is the only remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

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REINVESTMENT

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territories of the Union. The total scholastic population of the territory for the year 1885 is given at \$5,526, an increase over the preceding year of 2,846, or about ten per cent. For the year ending June 30, 1896, the scholastic population is reported at \$8,567, an increase of 2,571, or about three per cent. The increase from 1885 to now will average about five per cent per annum.

In the attendance on the public schools the data given indicates that much progress has been made. During the year 1895 57,674 pupils were enrolled in the public free schools, this number represents a gain of 1,000 over the scholastic population. During the year ending June 30, 1896, 63,686 pupils entered the public schools, representing 10 per cent of the number of children of school age in the territory. During the year 1895, 33 per cent were enrolled and during 1896, 65 per cent. These figures speak for themselves and indicate very clearly the progress that has been made.

TERRITORIAL UNIVERSITY.
The report from the board of regents of the territorial university is transmitted herewith, marked "Exhibit E." It is a most interesting and valuable report, and has been made by the territorial university. The cause of higher education should always be kept well to the front and the university receive, as I feel assured it will, by the hearty support of the legislature and the people.

TERRITORIAL NORMAL SCHOOL.
The report of the territorial normal school may be found with the report of the superintendent of public instruction, to whom by law the territory is required to be in a flourishing condition, well equipped, having an excellent faculty and a large attendance of able and learned professors preparing for work in the schools of the territory. No effort should be spared to make the normal school the best in the land and through the normal school to supply a teacher, thoroughly trained, for every school district in the territory.

The colored students of the territory have not attended the normal school, not desiring to cause the appearance of the mixed-school question, and I deem it not only just and right but an imperative duty incumbent on the territory to provide proper facilities for educating colored students and supplying the colored schools of the territory with well trained and efficient teachers. I would, therefore, earnestly recommend that a branch normal school be established at that point in the territory, and that an appropriation be made to put the same into immediate operation be made.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICAL COLLEGE.
I herewith transmit the report of the board of regents of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Oklahoma, which is marked "Exhibit F." It is a most interesting and valuable report, and has been made by the territorial university. The cause of higher education should always be kept well to the front and the university receive, as I feel assured it will, by the hearty support of the legislature and the people.

The prisoners of the territory are confined, under contract, in the state prison at Lansing, Michigan. The price paid by the territory for the maintenance of each prisoner is 25 cents per day and the territory pays for the transportation of the prisoners to the prison. The territory also furnishes the prisoner with a suit of clothes valued at \$30 and \$5 in money. It appears from the report of the warden, marked "Exhibit G," that the prisoners of the territory are well cared for and that the territory is well served by the prisoners of the territory. I desire to call the attention of the legislature to the important fact that the United States is not undertaking to supply all the funds which are needed in investigation in agriculture, buildings, etc., and as the institution now stands in need of rooms for botanical, chemical and zoological studies, a suitable greenhouse, and possibly a few other buildings, and as the Hatch act provides for the expenditure of only \$750 per year for the buildings, and the territory is in need of the growing state, I would recommend that at least \$5,000 be appropriated for these purposes.

TERRITORIAL LIBRARIAN.
The report of the territorial librarian which is transmitted herewith, marked "Exhibit H," makes a very careful showing and is entitled to careful consideration on the library fund is a matter which will need attention at your next session. We have been very successful in our efforts to secure the sale of the records and reports have fallen far below what was anticipated and the proceeds have proven inadequate to meet the needs of the department. Your attention is invited to a joint resolution now pending in congress for the appropriation of \$5,000 for the purchase of books for the territorial library. I trust that an appropriation of this kind will meet the growing needs of the library and to provide rooms for the same, may be made by the legislature.

No report having been filed by the adjutant general, I am not prepared to make an extended report of our military affairs as I would like and believe them entitled. We have been very successful in our efforts to secure the sale of the records and reports have fallen far below what was anticipated and the proceeds have proven inadequate to meet the needs of the department. Your attention is invited to a joint resolution now pending in congress for the appropriation of \$5,000 for the purchase of books for the territorial library. I trust that an appropriation of this kind will meet the growing needs of the library and to provide rooms for the same, may be made by the legislature.

VETERINARY SURGEON.
By act of the Third legislative assembly, passed March 29 of the year 1895, veterinary surgery was made a department of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, and an experienced person was appointed to fill the place. The principal object of this enactment was to provide for the establishment of a quarantine line and to protect the stock-growing interests of the territory. This enactment has been in the main proved satisfactory and great good has resulted therefrom, still the law is imperfect and should be remedied so as to provide adequate punishment for the violation of the law. The report of the veterinary surgeon is herewith transmitted marked "Exhibit J."

COAL OIL INSPECTOR.
By act of the Third legislative assembly, passed March 29 of the year 1895, a department of the Agricultural and Mechanical college was created. I herewith transmit the first biennial report of the inspector appointed under said act, marked "Exhibit K." It seems that the working of this law has been beneficial in the main, still there is a serious defect in the statute, in that one who has been inspected and found to be in violation of the law, is permitted to be re-inspected, and if found to be in violation of the law, is permitted to be re-inspected, and if found to be in violation of the law, is permitted to be re-inspected, and if found to be in violation of the law, is permitted to be re-inspected, and if found to be in violation of the law,